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(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) the action taken thereon ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Misappropriation of tax collections relating to the years 1957–58 and 1958–59 have been brought to light as a result of a surprise check of outstanding tax bills conducted in February 1960. The matter was at once reported to the Police who have registered a case before the Additional First Class Magistrate, Madurai on 4—3—1960. Necessary charge-sheets have been filed against the staff of the Madurai Municipality who are suspected to be involved in the crime. The trial commenced from 21—4—1960 and the matter is now *sub-judice*.

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry I called question 804 before 785. However, since the subject-matter of the question is *sub-judice,* I do not think that any supplementaries can be asked.

Highways in the City of Madras

*785 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to place on the Table of the House a statement on the talks that the Corporation Delegation recently had with the Government regarding the maintenance of highways in the City of Madras ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: An informal discussion regarding the finances of the Corporation including the question relating to the provision of funds for the better maintenance of the roads in the City was held on 15—2—1960. It is not possible to place a statement on the discussions on the table of the House as the discussions were informal.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, may I know whether a delegation requested the Government to take over the two highways in the City, namely, Mount Road and Poonamalle High Road, for maintenance ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: It is not possible to place a statement on the table of the House, and as such I am not able to give any information on this to the House.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, is it so confidential as not to be placed on the table of the House ?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member cannot ask that question. If the Hon. Minister says that it is confidential and cannot be placed on the table of the House, the hon. Member cannot ask why and how is it confidential. The supplementary question is disallowed. I will allow any other question and not this question.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, the Hon. Minister did not say that it was confidential. She said that it was not possible to place a statement on the table of the House as the discussions were informal.

MR. SPEAKER: The supplementary is disallowed. The hon. Member, if he wants, can ask any other supplementary question.